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WILLIAM R. CORSON, National Affairs Editor, Penthouse International, 1707 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), furnished the following information:

CORSON stated that sometime ago (date unknown), someone (unknown) mentioned to him that he should look into [REDACTED] for possible Korean infiltration. This hint, along with what was printed in articles by Penthouse Magazine regarding Reverend MOON, caused CORSON to look into this matter. Also, at one time, [REDACTED] came to Penthouse to sell her book and she had mentioned that [REDACTED] was very powerful on the House floor.

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CORSON stated that through his contacts at the Hill as a registered lobbyist, he was surprised to learn how [REDACTED] had access to the "floor" and so few people have that privilege. CORSON stated that he started to look into this Korean influence and learned that [REDACTED] had an interesting background, [REDACTED] gave parties, and spent large amounts of money. CORSON stated that he obtained bits of information from sources in the media and he "poked around" learning more about the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA).

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CORSON stated that his main source of information came from [REDACTED] reporter for the "Washington Post." CORSON stated that he received all the information regarding [REDACTED]

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CORSON stated that before he went to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) with the information he had collected, he talked to a friend (declined to furnish name), who was a former CIA employee and asked whether or not the CIA would be interested in that information. The friend contacted a source (name unknown) and the source said the information was "hot." CORSON stated that the "word" given to him was that the information was extremely "hot" and that the "CIA, FBI and the Speaker" were aware of it. CORSON stated that the source was in the "know."

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by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 31  
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CORSON stated that he told the above to [redacted] who said that she contacted the CIA and was told that the CIA did not have anything on this matter. CORSON stated that he told [redacted] that he felt that the information was important from an investigative standpoint, and that he was going to tell [redacted] of the CIA, and that [redacted] should hold her story.

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CORSON stated that he called [redacted] and was told to furnish this information to [redacted] CIA employee. CORSON stated that he told [redacted] this bizarre story and that if necessary, for the sake of an ongoing investigation, he would suppress the story. CORSON stated that he also told [redacted] again for the sake of an investigation, that [redacted]

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CORSON stated that he had heard that [redacted] is called the \$6 million woman since she has been "fixed" (cosmetically) and he understood that she worked in her position, but he did not know "who in the hell she worked for."

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CORSON stated again that the information that he furnished to the CIA, he had received from [redacted]

CORSON stated that he asked [redacted] if the CIA had a file on [redacted] and [redacted] said they did not. CORSON stated that after he spoke to [redacted], he talked to [redacted], who told him that the CIA was going to furnish this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and CORSON agreed, but said that the information should be passed to the FBI at the [redacted] level" so something is done.

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CORSON stated that he furnished the same information to FRITZ SCHWARTZ and BILL MILLER, who were serving on the Senate Select Committee, since they were looking into this problem.

CORSON stated that then [redacted] wrote a story [redacted] and that was the first time he had heard that information. So all the information that he had is "public domain" now and that all of his information was hearsay.

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CORSON stated that he felt that this investigation was in progress before he had mentioned this information to the CIA.

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CORSON stated that shortly after [redacted] story appeared, he received a call [redacted] and [redacted] felt that he (CORSON) caused that story to be printed. Also, some reporters contacted him regarding this story, one of them being [redacted] stated that he just said that he had heard that information and relayed it to the proper authorities.

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CORSON stated that he really did not have any other sources of information, and received most of it from [redacted]

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CORSON stated that he did know that [redacted] at the Korean Embassy is a "big man."

Special Agent [redacted] read the following paragraphs to CORSON, which were the paragraphs containing the information that CORSON furnished to the CIA. After each paragraph, CORSON stated his comments regarding the information:

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Paragraph 1

"Dr. CORSON related that a Korean by the name of [redacted] entered the United States some years ago and is presently known as [redacted]. She went to school at [redacted] had difficulty with English there; but, with the assistance of an unnamed Congressman, transferred to [redacted] where she completed her studies. She came to Washington and went to work for [redacted]

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[redacted] went to work for [redacted]. She is presently on [redacted]

CORSON stated that the above was correct and that the FBI should investigate the background of [redacted] and [redacted] in order to develop information. CORSON stated [redacted]

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CORSON stated that CHESHIRE wrote that [redacted]

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Paragraph 2

"CORSON also related that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
CORSON says that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is able to obtain classified information."

CORSON stated that the above was correct.

Paragraph 3

"CORSON stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
CORSON stated that the above was not how he related it to the CIA, and that he could not involve [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Paragraph 4

"CORSON stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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CORSON stated that the above was correct and that [REDACTED] works in the CIA Freedom of Information Section and it would be interesting to know how [REDACTED] got CORSON's name. "Where is the leak?" CORSON stated that the name of the company may be BKE or BKI.

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"CORSON noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CORSON stated that the above was correct.

Paragraph 6

CORSON also stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] works in a garage on 2nd Street, near the Capitol, called the Rite-Way Garage. [REDACTED] according to CORSON, is a very poor driver, and bumps into Congressmen's cars, then hurries to the Congressmen and assures them that [REDACTED] will fix the cars up, whereupon he does, but also implants audio devices in the vehicles at the same time. CORSON thought this took place at [REDACTED] as opposed to the Rite-Way Garage."

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CORSON stated that the above was correct and that it was very intriguing that "bugs" could be placed in the cars.

Paragraph 7

"The purpose CORSON had in telling me all of this was twofold. First, he feels CIA must have a counter-intelligence operation going on which involved [REDACTED] Penthouse has the above story and is prepared to print it. CORSON feels that if indeed it is printed, it will blow our counterintelligence operation. Therefore, if we have such a program, he feels he can get Penthouse to kill the story. The second aspect of his pitch is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CORSON, however, feels that he can get [REDACTED] which might endanger the counterintelligence operation."

CORSON stated that the above was correct, but that Penthouse was not going to print the story. CORSON stated that he said that a story was pending and that he could suppress it, if necessary, if the CIA wanted him to do so. CORSON stated that he never mentioned the "Washington Post" or [REDACTED]

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Paragraph 8

"CORSON stated that [ ] is extremely active around the Hill, has tremendous access to information, and in fact through her lobbying she was able to ensure that [ ] who was the logical choice, did not become Chairman of the House Select Committee for Intelligence, but rather her nominee, [ ]

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CORSON stated that the above was correct and a news informant told him that [ ] was put in that position at [ ] request. CORSON declined to identify this informant.

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